(d) Environmental Clearance for peak production capacity has since been obtained from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) for the mines mentioned in part (a) and both the mines are in operation within the approved capacities.

Production of coal

3393. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 201 coal blocks allotted till March, 2009, only 25 have become operational;

(b) if so, whether the above coal blocks have achieved the maximum level of coal production;

(c) how the Coal Controller is monitoring the production and other aspects of 25 coal blocks;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the allottees of the remaining coal blocks have highlighted some problems in exploitation of coal in a recent meeting;

(e) if so, the details of the concerns expressed; and

(f) how this Ministry is addressing those problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 25 operational coal blocks, 8 blocks have achieved maximum level of production of coal. The block-wise details are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Coal Block	Name of Allocattee
1	Talabira-I	HINDALCO Industries Limited
2	Tara (East)	West Bengal State Electricity Board
3	Tara (West)	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
4-5	Gotitoria (East) & Gotitoria (West)	BLA Industries Ltd.
6	Gare Palma IV/1	Jindal Iron & Steel Ltd.
7	Gare Palma IV/5	Monnet Ispat Ltd.
8	Chotia	Prakash Industries Ltd.

(c) The Coal Controller under the Ministry of Coal has been mandated to monitor the progress of the milestone achieved by the mine and the end use projects in details. Office of the Coal Controller collects quarterly progress report of each coal block and associated EUP and compile the same and sends to the Ministry of Coal for review. Based on the report of Coal Controller, the progress in the development of coal blocks is reviewed at the Ministry level by a committee under the Chairmanship of Addl. Secretary (Coal). Office of the Coal Controller also collects monthly production data from the operational coal blocks.

(d) to (f) The progress of allocated coal blocks as well as linked end use plant is reviewed in the review meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) alongwith the representatives from the Administrative Ministries and State Governments concerned. In the review meeting, allocatees present the status of progress made on the development of coal blocks as well as end use plants and they also share the difficulties faced at the field level with the Committee. The last review meeting was held on 22nd and 23rd June, 2009 with all the coal block allocattees to review the development of coal blocks and the end use projects. In the meeting the allocattees had indicated difficulties faced in obtaining statutory clearances and mining lease, preparing mining plan, acquisition of land, procuring machinery and equipment etc. for both mining as well as end-use project. The representatives of the concerned State Governments were requested to facilitate expeditious mitigation of difficulties faced by the allocatees. The administrative Ministries concerned were also requested to undertake review at their level and facilitate expeditious development of end use projects.

In a meeting convened on 10.08.2009, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Coal had also asked the State Governments to form a Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary to facilitate expeditious development of coal/lignite blocks.

Greenfield Urea Project in West Bengal

3394. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private group is going ahead with its Greenfield Urea Project in West Bengal with Coal Bed Methane (CBM) from Essar's Raniganj CBM Block;

(b) whether it is a fact that requisite land for the purpose has been identified and allocated in the nearby area by West Bengal Government;

(c) whether a meeting was held between the top officials of Department of Fertilizers and the group on policy issues concerning the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the information received from Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Fertilizers, M/s Matrix Fertilizers and Chemical Limited (MFCL), a Matrix Group Company has proposed for setting up of a Greenfield Gas Based Ammonia-Urea project in Burdwan District, West Bengal, based on Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Gas which will be supplied to them by Essar Oil Limited's Raniganj CBM block. The company has informed that the land has been identified by the Government of West Bengal.

(c) and (d) The representatives of company met the senior official of Department of Fertilizers and forwarded suggestions for amendments in the New Investment Policy for urea manufacturing units, notified by the Department of Fertilizers on 4th September, 2008.